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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - PROJECT AIDJEX FLIGHTS

REFS: (A) STATE 46313, (B) MOSCOW 2984, (C) 76 STATE 67086,  
(D) STATE 53296

1. REF A SAID AIRDROPS OF DATA BUOYS IN THE CHUKCHI SEA WOULD  
TAKE PLACE IN THE PERIOD MARCH 5-10.

2. IN REF B EMBASSY (1) RECOMMENDED THAT START OF OPERATION  
BE DELAYED UNTIL AT LEAST MARCH 9 AND (2) REQUESTED IMMEDIATE  
REPLY. NO REPLY RECEIVED PRIOR TO REF D.

3. AT MARCH 9 MEETING BETWEEN EMBASSY SCIENCE COUNSELOR  
AND YE. I. TOLSTIKOV, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF USSR HYDROMETEOR-  
OLOGICAL SERVICE, ON SUBJECT OF ANTARCTIC RESEARCH, TOLSTIKOV  
UNEXPECTEDLY RAISED QUESTION ON PROJECT AIDJEX. HE SAID THAT  
HE HAD HEARD THAT US WAS PLACING BUOYS ON THE ICE IN THE  
CHUKCHI SEA AND ASKED THE SCIENCE COUNSELOR FOR INFORMATION ON  
THE SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES OF THE BUOYS. SCIENCE COUNSELOR PLANS TO  
PROVIDE TOLSTIKOV WITH COPY OF SAME "NON-PAPER" GIVEN MFA  
EARLIER (PER REF B, PARA 1) BUT FIRST WE WISH TO CONFIRM  
DATES OF AIDJEX FLIGHTS WHICH WILL AIR DROP THE DATA  
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BUOYS IN ORDER TO UP-DATE THAT PAPER AND ENSURE THAT  
INFORMATION EMBASSY PROVIDES HIM IS BOTH ACCURATE AND  
CURRENT.

4. MFA WAS SENSITIVE ABOUT THE SHORT NOTICE GIVEN (PARAS  
4 AND 5, REF B), AND WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO PIQUE THEM  
UNNECESSARILY AGAIN ON THIS SUBJECT. IN THIS CONNECTION,

EMBASSY WOULD RECALL TO DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION IMBROGLIO SURROUNDING BESMEX FLIGHTS IN BERING SEA AREA IN AUGUST 1975 AND EARLIER (REF C AND PREVIOUS).

5. IN ORDER TO KEEP EMBASSY FULLY INFORMED ON A TIMELY BASIS ABOUT THIS PROJECT AND THESE FLIGHTS AND ENABLE US TO INFORM INTERESTED SOVIET ORGANIZATIONS AS APPROPRIATE, REQUEST DEPARTMENT (1) SEND EMBASSY AT ONCE A STATUS REPORT ON THESE FLIGHTS, (2) GIVE US AS MUCH NOTICE AS POSSIBLE PRIOR TO THE ACTUAL COMMENCEMENT OF THE FLIGHTS, AND (3) PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH SCIENTIFIC DETAILS OF THE PROJECT FOR PASSING TO INTERESTED SOVIET ORGANIZATIONS.

6. ABOVE PREPARED PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REF D; HOWEVER, LATTER DOES NOT SATISFACTORILY ANSWER OUR QUESTIONS. FYI, EMBASSY DID NOT RPT NOT KNOW THAT FLIGHTS HAD IN FACT BEEN POSTPONED IN RESPONSE TO REF B; WE HAD RECEIVED NO COMMUNICATION ON THIS PRIOR TO REF D. FURTHERMORE, SITUATION RE FLIGHTS IS AGAIN MURKY. REF D WAS TRANSITTED ON MARCH 10 AND RECEIVED ON MARCH 11, MOSCOW TIME; YET, IT ASKS EMBASSY CONCURRENCE FOR FLIGHTS TO COMMENCE AFTER MARCH 8.

7. AS DEPT KNOWS FROM REF B MFA HAS BEEN INFORMED, AND WE NOW KNOW THAT IT DID PASS THE WORD WITHIN THE SOVIET BUREAUCRACY. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION PROVIDED, THE FLIGHTS WOULD HAVE TERMINATED YESTERDAY. IF WE ARE TO INFORM THE SOVIETS ABOUT THE POSTPONEMENT, WE SHOULD AT THE SAME TIME INFORM THEM OF THE NEW PERIOD FOR THE FLIGHTS AND IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO GIVE THEM SEVERAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DAYS'S NOTICE.

8. EMBASSY THEREFORE RECOMMENDS THAT DEPT PROVIDE FOR OPENING OF BUSINESS MARCH 14 MOSCOW TIME THE INFORMATION REQUESTED IN PARA 5 ABOVE WITH FLITHS TO COMMENCE NOT BEFORE FRIDAY MARCH 18. EMBASSY WILL INFORM SOVIETS AND COMMUNICATE WITH DEPT AT ONCE.  
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